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This insightful book traces the development of journalism and celebrity and their relationship to and influence on political and social spheres from the beginnings of capitalist democracy in the 18th century to the present day. Journalism and Celebrity provides the first account of its kind, revealing the people, places, platforms, and production practices that created celebrity journalism culture, following its origins in the London-based press to its reinvention by the American mass media. Through a transdisciplinary approach to theory and method, this book argues that those who place celebrity in binary to what journalism should be often miss the importance of their mutual dependency in making our societies what they are. Including historical and contemporary case studies from the UK and US, this book is excellent reading for journalism, communication, media studies, and history students, as well as scholars in the fields of journalism, celebrity, cultural studies and political communication.

In the shadow of Pushkin's Golden Age, Russia's eighteenth-century culture was relegated to an obscurity hardly befitting its actually radical legacy. Why did nineteenth-century Russians put the eighteenth century so quickly behind them? How does a meaningful present become a seemingly meaningless past? Interpreting texts by Lomonosov, Derzhavin, Pushkin, Viazemsky, Turgenev, Tolstoy, and others, Luba Golburt finds surprising answers.

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A critical study of the life and work of American painter Thomas Eakins examines his deeply perceptive paintings, including his extraordinary portraits, in light of the artist's own battle with depression and uncertainty over his sexual identity.

Focusing on representations of women's literary celebrity in nineteenth-century biographies, autobiographical accounts, periodicals, and fiction, Brenda R. Weber examines the transatlantic cultural politics of visibility in relation to gender, sex, and the body. Looking both at discursive patterns and specific Anglo-American texts that foreground the figure of the successful woman writer. Weber argues that authors such as Elizabeth Gaskell, Fanny Fern, Mary Cholmondeley, Margaret Oliphant, Elizabeth Robins, Eliza Potter, and Elizabeth Keckley helped create an intelligible category of the famous writer that used celebrity as a leveraging tool for altering perceptions about femininity and female identity. Doing so, Weber demonstrates, involved an intricate gender/sex negotiation that had ramifications for what it meant to be public, professional, intelligent, and extraordinary. Weber's persuasive account elucidates how Gaskell's biography of Charlotte Brontë served simultaneously to support claims for Brontë's genius and to diminish Brontë's body in compensation for the magnitude of those claims, thus serving as a touchstone for later representations of women's literary genius and celebrity. Fanny Fern, for example, adapts Gaskell's maneuvers on behalf of Charlotte Brontë to portray the weak woman's body becoming strong as it is made visible through and celebrated within the literary

marketplace. Throughout her study, Weber analyzes the complex codes connected to transatlantic formations of gender/sex, the body, and literary celebrity as women authors proactively resisted an intense backlash against their own success.

A biography of the world-famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, this book provides fresh insights into her character and motivations. It describes her childhood in Australia, her studies in Paris, her rise to fame and the fascination which she inspired up to the time of the mysterious illness which caused her death. Melba is presented as a shrewd, self-made woman, financially and personally independent. She managed her greatest asset - her voice - and her earnings cleverly so that the voice lasted the distance of a long and strenuous career, and her investments enabled her to enjoy life on a grand scale. She dictated the terms of her own life and rose to unsurpassed heights in her chosen profession. The book's large format enables the main text to be supplemented by lengthy footnotes running down the outside margins, providing additional historical and anecdotal information.

Frequently perceived as a characteristic of modern culture, the phenomenon of celebrity has much older roots. In this book Antoine Lilti shows that the mechanisms of celebrity were developed in Europe during the Enlightenment, well before films, yellow journalism, and television, and then flourished during the Romantic period on both sides of the Atlantic. Figures from across the arts like Voltaire, Garrick,

and Liszt were all veritable celebrities in their time, arousing curiosity and passionate loyalty from their "fans." The rise of the press, new advertising techniques, and the marketing of leisure brought a profound transformation in the visibility of celebrities: private lives were now very much on public show. Nor was politics spared this cultural upheaval: Marie-Antoinette, George Washington, and Napoleon all experienced a political world transformed by the new demands of celebrity. And when the people suddenly appeared on the revolutionary scene, it was no longer enough to be legitimate; it was crucial to be popular too. Lilti retraces the profound social upheaval precipitated by the rise of celebrity and explores the ambivalence felt toward this new phenomenon. Both sought after and denounced, celebrity evolved as the modern form of personal prestige, assuming the role that glory played in the aristocratic world in a new age of democracy and evolving forms of media. While uncovering the birth of celebrity in the eighteenth century, Lilti's perceptive history at the same time shines light on the continuing importance of this phenomenon in todav's world.

A portrait of love through the ages presents an intimate look at thirty-five romantic relationships as viewed through an illustrated collection of love letters--between Churchill and his wife, Napoleon and Josephine, Elizabeth Barrett and Robert

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Browning. 30,000 first printing.

In this dazzling new vision of the ever-fascinating queen, a dynamic young historian reveals how Marie Antoinette's bold attempts to reshape royal fashion changed the future of France Marie Antoinette has always stood as an icon of supreme style, but surprisingly none of her biographers have paid sustained attention to her clothes. In Queen of Fashion, Caroline Weber shows how Marie Antoinette developed her reputation for fashionable excess, and explains through lively, illuminating new research the political controversies that her clothing provoked. Weber surveys Marie Antoinette's "Revolution in Dress," covering each phase of the queen's tumultuous life, beginning with the young girl, struggling to survive Versailles's rigid traditions of royal glamour (twelve-foot-wide hoopskirts, whalebone corsets that crushed her organs). As queen, Marie Antoinette used stunning, often extreme costumes to project an image of power and wage war against her enemies. Gradually, however, she began to lose her hold on the French when she started to adopt "unqueenly" outfits (the provocative chemise) that, surprisingly, would be adopted by the revolutionaries who executed her. Weber's queen is sublime, human, and surprising: a sometimes courageous monarch unwilling to allow others to determine her destiny. The paradox of her tragic story, according to Weber, is that fashion—the vehicle Page 5/15

she used to secure her triumphs—was also the means of her undoing. Weber's book is not only a stylish and original addition to Marie Antoinette scholarship, but also a moving, revelatory reinterpretation of one of history's most controversial figures.

An illuminating and enthralling biography of trailblazing 19th-century queer actress Charlotte Cushman reveals the force and vitality of this woman on and off the stage.

Carl Crow arrived in Shanghai in 1911 and made the city his home for the next quarter of a century, working there as a journalist, newspaper proprietor, and groundbreaking adman. He also did stints as a hostage negotiator, emergency police sergeant, gentleman farmer, go-between for the American government, and propagandist. As his career progressed, so did the fortunes of Shanghai. The city transformed itself from a dull colonial backwater. when Crow arrived, to the thriving and ruthless cosmopolitan metropolis of the 1930s when Crow wrote his pioneering book – 400 Million Customers – that encouraged a flood of businesses into the China market in an intriguing foreshadowing of today's boom. Among Crow's exploits were attending the negotiations in Peking that led to the fall of the Qing Dynasty, getting a scoop on Japanese interference in China during the First World War, negotiating the release of a group of Western hostages from a Page 6/15

mountain bandit lair, and being one of the first Westerners to journey up the Burma Road during the Second World War. He met most of the major figures of the time, including Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai-shek, the Soong sisters, and Mao's second-in-command Zhou En-lai. During the Second World War, he worked for American intelligence alongside Owen Lattimore, coordinating US policies to support China against Japan. The story of this one exceptional man gives us a rich view of Shanghai and China during those tempestuous years. This is a book for all with an interest in Shanghai and China of this period, and those with an interest in the development of journalism and business there.

Greatness has an undeniable dark side; something that many people seem to neglect. You may see celebrities AFTER they are successful and admire their 'perfect' lives, philosophy and decisions - but have you ever considered what kind of steps they REALLY took to achieve their fame? This book is a `no holds barred' look at what it REALLY takes. It gives you the primary principles of how to adopt a good mindset, work efficiently, establish a sense of discipline and more! In addition, you will also learn how to avoid the most common mistakes that can negatively impact your journey. 7 principles you need to learn to follow, and 7 mistakes you should know to avoid, they are the keys when trying to create successful and great future for yourself. And this book will help you to do just that! Greatness - The Dark Side - gives you clarity about all

these aspects, critically evaluating over 70 biographies - using them to draw effective conclusions and solutions, which will help you take the right approaches to success, as well as aiding you in avoiding mistakes that others have made, so that you can achieve positive results the RIGHT way!

Uncovers a world of forgotten triumphs of musical theatre that shine a light on major social topics. This book is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

The Special Investigator team of Matt Diamond and Natasha Cutter had returned to their new office in Beverly Hills California and were going over a large list of potential clients when one caught their eye. They had received a call from Ms. Gloria Goldstein regarding the murder of her parents and the theft of a large twentycarat light pink diamond from their jewelry store. The police had been of little help and she was most anxious for them to investigate the tragedy. Although the event began in Beverly Hills, the location changed quickly to Johannesburg South Africa and meant that the globe traveling team would once more return to the same country where they had been in their previous case. The hunt for the theft of the diamond and the murder of Benjamin and Rebecca Goldstein had to begin at the original source, the antique studio of Martin Clause in Johannesburg. He was the first one to purchase, what he later called The Empress diamond, from a local black man, for \$500,000 and sold it to the Goldsteins for a solid \$1,000,000 a few days later. The Empress was the largest light pink diamond ever found in the world and

was a chance fi ne in Tanzania. Although vastly underpriced and could be worth millions more, the only place it could demand its real value was in the United States and the Goldsteins were the way to get it to the American market. Entering into the theft and murders were three former American Special Forces veterans and their mission was the pursuit of the Empress. At the same time, there was a sinister fi gure behind all of this with a code name of THE RED FOX that would pay any cost to obtain the Empress. His interest in the Empress was to obtain it for a billionaire, Sir Fredrick Marsh, who wanted it as a birthday gift for his wife. It was now up to Matt Diamond and Natasha Cutter to follow the trail of the Deadly Diamond. A trail that would include the deaths of several others and a diamond that many would believe was cursed. The intrigue of who has it now is an exciting trip and the surprise ending will get the reader out of his seat with the strange twist of faith.

Social media and emerging internet technologies have expanded the ideas of marketing approaches. In particular, the phenomenon of the internet in China challenges the common perception of new media environments. Internet Mercenaries and Viral Marketing: The Case of Chinese Social Media presents case studies, textual analysis, media reviews, and in-depth interviews in order to investigate the Chinese "pushing hand" operation from the conceptual perspective of communications and viral marketing. This book is significant to researchers, marketers, and advocates interested in the persuasive influence of social networks. Well before television and the internet, there were

women who sought fame, flirted with infamy, and actively engaged with their fan base. In today's pop culture world, it can be hard to understand what the lives of these women were like. In their pre-suffrage world, women who attracted attention were considered scandalous and it was largely uncommon for women to become celebrities. Women who rose to fame in those times had to put up with societal standards for women on top of the lack of privacy and free speech. This book provides the details and context to let us know the women who captured America's heart in the 19th century. Rather than looking at influential women who strictly avoided notoriety, it covers the lives of 18 celebrities like Lydia Maria Child, Sojourner Truth, and Jane Addams.

"A well-written, thoroughly researched story of a popular and beautiful empress, who, while self-indulgent, sought a life of privacy and peace, and showed sympathy and charity toward the poor." - Kirkus Reviews In 1898 Luigi Lucheni fatally stabbed Elisabeth, Empress of Austria, on Lake Geneva as she prepared to board a steamer from the Mont Blanc pier. Her life had been one of both profound sadness and inspiring perseverance; and in its course she set the style for the royal rebels who would follow her, particularly the late Diana, Princess of Wales. While still a child. Elisabeth was married to the Hapsburg prince Franz Josef, heir to the Austrian Empire. She gave him three children; one of whom, Crown Prince Rudolf, would later commit suicide at Mayerling. Finding the atmosphere of the Austro-Hungarian court stifling, the increasingly erratic empress traveled incessantly. Abandoning her husband to the attentions of the Viennese comic actress Katharina Schratt. Elisabeth went on errands of mercy to the docks and slums of London and Liverpool,

Barcelona and Naples, Smyrna and Marseilles. She was the despair of local police, who could not protect her, even though she wore disguises. She supported independence movements in Ireland, where she hunted superbly alongside her close companion, the English cavalryman "Bay" Middleton; and also in Hungary, an integral part of her husband's deteriorating empire. When Lucheni assassinated the empress, he killed the most alluring royal figure of the Victorian age. But fame was her real executioner. Her celebrity had led to her death. Elisabeth had been driven into loneliness until she had lost all sense of reality, pursuing a desperate liberty that a confined marriage would never allow her.

In Old Regime France credit was both a central part of economic exchange and a crucial concept for explaining dynamics of influence and power in all spheres of life. Contemporaries used the term credit to describe reputation and the currency it provided in court politics, literary production, religion, and commerce. Moving beyond Pierre Bourdieu's theorization of capital, this book establishes credit as a key matrix through which French men and women perceived their world. As Clare Haru Crowston demonstrates. credit unveils the personal character of market transactions. the unequal yet reciprocal ties binding society, and the hidden mechanisms of political power. Credit economies constituted "economies of regard" in which reputation depended on embodied performances of credibility. Crowston explores the role of fashionable appearances and sexual desire in leveraging credit and reconstructs women's vigorous participation in its gray markets. The scandalous relationship between Queen Marie Antoinette and fashion merchant Rose Bertin epitomizes the vertical loyalties and deep social divides of the credit regime and its increasingly urgent political stakes. Page 11/15

Until recently a "womanless" American history was the norm. But without a history of women we neglect gender dynamics, sex roles, and family relations--the very fundamentals of human interaction. Here 24 short essays locate the histories of women--from Pocahontas to Betty Friedan--and men together by period and provide a sense of their continuities through the whole gallery of the American past. 26 photos. A fascinating chronicle of how celebrity has inundated the world of fashion, realigning the forces that drive both the styles we covet and the bottom lines of the biggest names in luxury apparel. From Coco Chanel's iconic tweed suits to the miniskirt's surprising comeback in the late 1980s, fashion houses reigned for decades as the arbiters of style and dictators of trends. Hollywood stars have always furthered fashion's cause of seducing the masses into buying designers' clothes, acting as living billboards. Now, forced by the explosion of social media and the accelerating worship of fame, red carpet celebrities are no longer content to just advertise and are putting their names on labels that reflect the image they—or their stylists—created. Jessica Simpson, Jennifer Lopez, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sean Combs, and a host of pop, sports, and reality-show stars of the moment are leveraging the power of their celebrity to become the face of their own fashion brands, embracing lucrative contracts that keep their images on our screens and their hands on the wheel of a multi-billion dollar industry. And a few celebrities—like the Olsen Twins and Victoria Beckham—have gone all the way and reinvented themselves as bonafide designers. Not all celebrities succeed, but in an ever more crowded and clamorous marketplace, it's increasingly unlikely that any fashion brand will succeed without celebrity involvement—even if designers, like Michael Kors, have to become celebrities themselves. Agins charts this strange new terrain with wit and insight and an insider's access to the $\frac{1}{Page}$

fascinating struggles of the bold-type names and their jealousies, insecurities, and triumphs. Everyone from industry insiders to fans of Project Runway and America's Next Top Model will want to read Agins's take on the glitter and stardust transforming the fashion industry, and where it is likely to take us next.

More than 10,000 Popular Figures in a Single, Easy-to-Use Book! Need to know which baseball player was nicknamed "The Old Professor"? Stumped over Nicholas Cage's real name? Curious which of William Faulkner's books won the Pulitzer Prize? Can't remember Jimmy Durante's theme song? Whether you are a puzzler, trivia buff, or just an information hound, the Random House Famous Name Finder can help you quickly and easily look up information on over 10,000 people from arts, sports, literature, history, and other fields. Four alphabetical indexes list people by last name, first name, nickname, and spouse, so it's easy to find concise biographical information on anyone from Thomas Aquinas to Thomas Pynchon, from the Queen of Crime (Agatha Christie) to the Queen of Mean (Leona Helmsley). Listings include symphony conductors and rock musicians, politicians and businesspeople, television actors and film directors, novelists and athletes, and other famous figures from ancient history through today. Biographical entries include birth and death dates, nationality, and highlights from each person's life and career, and cross-referencing between indexes makes the book especially easy to use.

Reproduction of the original: Memoirs of the Empress Josephine by Madame de Rémusat

The long-awaited sequel to The Phoenix Guards and Five Hundred Years After Two hundred years after Adron's Disaster, in which Dragaera City was accidentally reduced to an ocean of chaos by an

experiment in wizardry gone wrong, the Empire isn't what it used to be. Deprived at a single blow of their Emperor, of the Orb that is the focus of the Empire's power, of their capital city with its Impe-rial bureaucracy, and of a great many of their late fellow citizens, the surviving Dragaerans have been limping through a long Interregnum, bereft even of the simple magic and sorcery they were accustomed to use in everyday life. Now the descendants and successors of the great adventurers Khaavren, Pel, Aerich, and Tazendra are growing up in this seemingly diminished world, convinced, like their elders, that the age of adventures is over and nothing interesting will ever happen to them. They are, of course, wrong For even deprived of magic, Dragaerans fight, plot, and conspire as they breathe, and so do their still-powerful gods. The enemies of the Empire prowl at its edges, in-scrutable doings are up at Dzur Mountain...and, unex-pectedly, a surviving Phoenix Heir, young Zerika, is discovered—setting off a chain of swashbuckling events that will remake the world yet again. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating

New York as both a place and an idea.

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